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1. The headquarters for the coordination of the defense of the Baltic Coast are located in Leningrad with subordinate headquarters in Stettin, Swinemünde, and in Finland. These headquarters are responsible for the planning and construction of the Baltic Coast defenses.
2. The keels of two new cruisers have recently been laid in the "October Yard" in Leningrad. No details of these cruisers are available beyond the fact that they are believed to be of an entirely new type with heavy anti-aircraft armament and with mountings for firing rocket projectiles. This rocket equipment is still in the testing stage, and some Germans are employed on this work.
3. The harbor at Danzig is entirely under Polish control, and the USSR does not maintain even a Derutra office there.
4. The extension work on the shipyard at Wismar harbor, "Westhafenbecken", has progressed to the extent that the two large construction sheds were to have been roofed during May 1950 and work was to have started on the office building. A shipment of two cranes for the slipways was expected. It is intended that this yard will be used only for building submarines and small craft with a maximum displacement of 2500 tons.
5. The "Suedkai" of the Industriehafen at Wismar was to be cleared during May and handed over to Derutra. The loading gear on the pier was to be put in order, and an installment of four cranes of 3-4 ton capacity is planned. These cranes are available but need repairs.
6. Peenemünde is being used as a field station by a Soviet research and development unit working on guided missiles for the Army, Navy, and Air Force. The headquarters of this unit is in Moscow, and the senior officer at Peenemünde is Brigadier-General Uronin, a professor of physics and chemistry. There is a communications airfield at Peenemünde which is used for regular air traffic to and from the USSR. One or two experimental aircraft are also stationed at this field. The harbor at Peenemünde is being extended so that it can be used by ships of 2-3000 tons.

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7. The Neptunwerft at Rostock began to build submarine hulls some time in May or early June 1950. Two types of hulls are being built, 1500 and 2500 tons, and the yard is scheduled to produce two of each type per month. An area on the west side of the shipyard has been allotted to this work, and the necessary machinery has been, or is being, installed in a building which was already available. It is intended that the submarine hull building program should not interfere in any way with the current construction of lugger type fishing boats, or with the repair work done by the yard. Technicians employed in the yard do not believe that it will be possible to carry out the scheduled production of these submarine hulls at present. Since certain machines are not available, and since there is a lack of qualified technicians there are many improvisations.
8. These same technicians describe the submarines under construction as being an improved and modified form of the German Walther submarine. It is said that German specialists, having experience with the Walther submarine, have arrived at Warnemünde to supervise the final assembly which is to take place at the Karl Liebknecht yard there. However, no confirmation of this could be obtained in Warnemünde. 50X1-HUM
9. Soviet officers stationed in Wismar have said that the naval force there was to be increased in July. Half a flotilla of torpedo boats, a flotilla of fast launches, and a flotilla of patrol launches with auxiliary craft were to be transferred. This additional force is to be permanently stationed in Wismar and is under the command of a "Sperrkommando" located on shore.
10. With the exception of recognized fishing areas, the following areas have been placed out of bounds to fishing vessels by the Soviet authorities:
- a. The entire area within the 12-mile zone from the north point of Poel Island to der Bug on Rügen Island.
 - b. The east coast of Usedom Island between Swinemünde and the Peenemünder Haken within the 12-mile zone.
 - c. The south coast of Usedom.
11. In addition to restricting the above areas, fishing vessels are liable to be stopped on the high seas by Soviet patrol boats without prior warning, presumably when maneuvers are taking place in the area.

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